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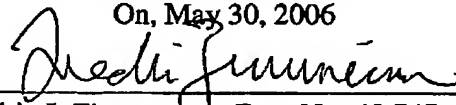
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Attention: Office of Petitions
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Sir/Madame:

Further to the Office Action of December 28, 2005, Applicant submits an
Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 on May 30, 2006, and hereby petitions the
Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing the reply
in the above identified application for two (2) months to May 28, 2006, including a fee
under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1). Please note, May 28th was a Sunday and May 29, 2006, was
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